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SUBJECT: TURKEY: IRAQI FINANCIAL ISSUES

REF: A. SECSTATE 250699

[1](#)B. SECSTATE 238110

Classified By: Classified by DCM Robert Deutsch; reasons 1.5 b and d.

[1](#)1. (C) The Ambassador discussed Iraq debt and disbursement of Turkey's pledged financial aid to Iraq (reftels) with MFA U/S Tuygan November 26. The Ambassador noted that Turkey holds approximately USD 1.6 billion in Iraqi claims, and that a public statement of support for the recent Paris Club decision would be an important demonstration of Turkey's support for its neighbor. Tuygan said he would review the issues and contact the Ambassador with a GOT response.

[1](#)2. (U) Baghdad minimize considered.
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